

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Group
Notes of Meeting
May 6th 2013

Attendance: Rich Phillips, Lawrence Black, John Morris, Dan Chodorkoff, Anne Miller, Joel Trupin, Ed Hutchinson, Bob Atchinson, Nick Seifert, Wes Cate

Convene: 7:00 PM

Adjourn: 8:05 PM

Business:

- a) April notes approved
- b) Group Solar: Marshfield Inn and Clo Pitkin's group are interested and looking into the possibility. Solar Subcommittee will be assisting. Well Spring Farm has already installed solar for the group. The subcommittee expects to hold another public forum in the future. They will be looking to develop testimonials and keep people informed of incentives.
- c) Weatherization: Plainfield and Marshfield have done about 9 visits and there has been or soon will be 4 to 5 audits in each town. Rich will post an article in FPF about what an energy audit is and what it is not. We decided not to actively pursue more EHV's again until late summer or fall and use the summer to develop a more successful method to engage residents.
- d) Twinfield Lighting: Project to go before the Board on 5/14/13. The proposal is about \$100,000, \$65,000 local with a savings of \$12,000/year for a payback of about 6.5 years. The savings will be larger than the loan costs from the first year and the total saved over 20 years is estimated at \$137,000
- e) Other Twinfield energy issues: Bob and Rich will meet with the Superintendent.
- f) Bus ridership is up 11% from last year. A noontime bus is very likely. It would replace one of the evening commuter bus runs.
- g) OSC Solar: John is working on a spreadsheet that will record production and compare it to the expected production. We will be putting up hardware cloth on the back of the panels to discourage climbing and keeping hands away from the wiring. Danger High Voltage signs will be installed on separate poles or J.B Welded to the tracker itself
- h) Plainfield: Bob discussed the lighting at the Park and Ride and elsewhere around town and the possibility of solar at the Wastewater plant.